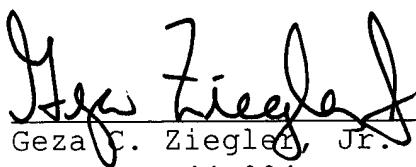


III. REMARKS

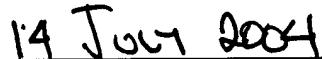
Claims 1-11 are canceled and new claims 12-21 are presented for consideration. Claims 13, 14, 16, 17 and 18 contain subject matter that has been indicated as patentable in prior prosecution of the parent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,



Geza C. Ziegler, Jr.
Reg. No. 44,004



Date

Perman & Green, LLP
425 Post Road
Fairfield, CT 06824
(203) 259-1800 Ext. 134
Customer No.: 2512

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated below as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: 7/14/04

Signature: Paulina Rodriguez
Person Making Deposit